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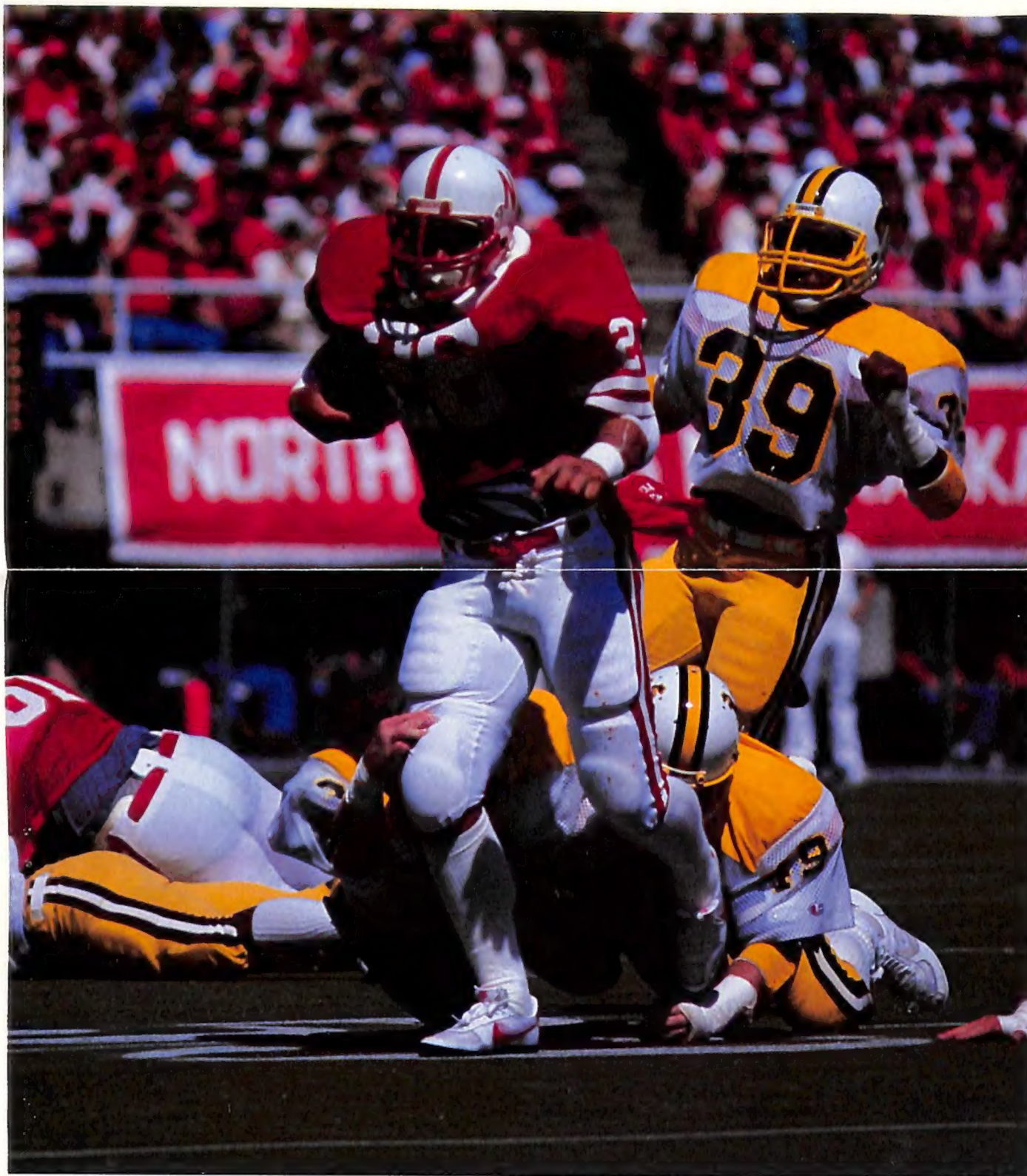
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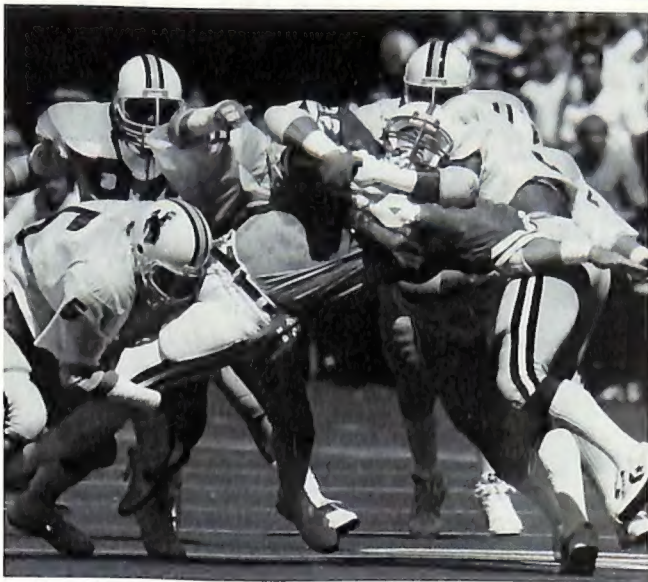
The Cornhusker Hotel Edition



Fullback Tom Rathman (26) piles up yardage.

Photos by Randy Hampton and Humberto Ramirez.

Nebraska 42 — Wyoming 7



Tom Rathman (26) fights for more.



Quarterback Craig Sundberg (15) makes the pitch.



Ken Graeber (52), Scott Strasburger (90) and Chris Spachman (76) make the hit.



Jeff Smith runs for part of his 170 yards.

STATISTICS

Team Statistics

WYO		NEB
11	First downs	34
5	Rushing	27
3	Passing	7
3	Penalty	0
42	Rushes	71
126	Yards gained	451
28	Yards lost	11
98	Net rushing	440
104	Net passing	119
14	Passes attempt	11
5	Passes complete	8
0	Had intercepted	1
56	Total plays	82
202	Total net yards	559
3.6	Av. gain p/play	6.8
37	Return yards	162
3-1	Fumbles-lost	4-3
4-23	Penalties-yards	5-50
1-34	Intercept-yards	0-0
8-392	Punts-yards	1-37
49.0	Ave. per punt	37.0
1-3	Punt ret.-yards	8-162
7-123	Kick ret.-yards	2-48
25:23	Possession time	34:37
2-13	3rd down conver.	6-9
0-0	Sacks by	2-7
0-1	4th down conver.	0-1

Individual Statistics

NEBRASKA

Rushing — Sundberg 5 attempts for 57 yards, 0 yards lost, 47 yard net, 1 TD, 16 yard long gain; Smith 28 for 173, 3, 170, 1, 23; Rathman 13 for 108, 0, 108, 1, 17; Swanson 1 for 6, 0, 6, 0, 6; Turner 7 for 22, 8, 14, 2, 11; Porter 2 for 10, 0, 10, 0, 8; Miles 5 for 13, 0, 13, 0, 5; Dubose 4 for 18, 0, 18, 0, 9; Gatson 1 for 22, 0, 22, 0, 22; Kaelin 2 for 11, 0, 11, 0, 7; Kingston 1 for 0, 0, 0, 0; Mlinar 1 for 16, 0, 16, 0, 16; Hoskins 1 for 5, 0, 5, 1, 5; Total 71 for 451, 11, 440, 6, 23.

Passing — Sundberg 8 attempts, 8 completions, 1 interception, 87 yards, 0 TD, 26 yard long pass, 0 sacks; Turner 3-2-0, 34, 0, 20, 0; Totals 11-8-1, 119, 0, 26, 0.

Receiving — Swanson 1 reception for 26 yards, 0 TD, 26 yard long gain; Dubose 1 for 16, 0, 16; Kimball 1 for 15, 0, 15; Smith 1 for 3, 0, 3; Gamble 1 for 9, 0, 9; Hiemer 1 for 8, 0, 18.

Kickoff returns — Smith 1 for 19 yards, 19 yard long return; Dubose, 1 for 29, 29; Totals 2 for 48, 29.

Defensive stats — Spachman 2 unassisted, 0 assists for 2, 0 for loss; Graeber 1-0 for 1, 0; Strasburger 3-0 for 3, 2-9; Smith 1-1 for 2, 0; Zierke 1-1 for 2, 1-1; Shead 3-2 for 5, 1-1; Skow 1-0 for 1, 0; Reeves 2-3 for 5, 0; Gangwish 1-0 for 1, 0; Daum 2-2 for 4, 0; Munford 6-0 for 6, 1-6; Daffer 1-1 for 2, 1-1; Forch 1-1 for 2, 0; Noonan 3-0 for 3, 0; Reinhardt 3-0 for 3, 0; Reynolds 1-0 for 1, 0; Burke 2-0 for 2, 0; Harris 1-0 for 1, 0; McCashland 1-0 for 1, 1-2; Cartwright 1-0 for 1, 0; Clark 5-3 for 8, 1-5; Watkins 1-0 for 1, 0.

Fumble recovered — Clark.

Passes broken up — Smith, Harris (2), Fisher.

Pass sacks — Spachman 1-3; Harris 1-2.

WYOMING

Rushing — Gosnell, 17 attempts, 57 yard gained, 12 lost, 45 net, 0 TD, 28 yard long gain; Love 4, 6, 3, 3, 0, 4; Westphal 4, 2, 11, -9, 0, 1; Evans 9, 38, 0, 38, 0, 7; Runyan 5, 19, 2, 17, 0, 8; Lyons 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0; Vana 4, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4; Totals 42, 126, 28, 98, 0, 28.

Passing — Gosnell 14 attempts, 5 completions, 9 interceptions, 104 yards, 1 TD, 48 long, 2 sacks for 7 yards.

Receiving — Griffin 3 receptions for 47 yards, 0 TD, 26 yard long gain; Lowe 1 for 9, 1, 9; Novacek 1 for 48, 0, 48; Totals 5 for 104, 1, 48.

Punting — Donnelly 8 punts for 392 yards, 49.0 yard avg., 54 yard long punt.

Field Goals — Donnelly 1 field goal for 0 yards.

All Returns — Davis 1 punt return for 3, 1 kickoff for 13; Long 6 kickoffs for 110 yards, 31 long return; Ingram 1 interception for 34 yards.

Defensive stats — Earl 1 unassisted, 3 assists for 4 total, 0 for loss; Engel 5-0 for 5, 0-0; Chytka 3-2 for 5, 1-2 yard loss; Zalanka 2-1 for 3, 1-1; Mitteness 2-0 for 2, 0; Story 1-0 for 1, 0; Rabold 2-0 for 2, 0; Gosar 3-2 for 5, 0; Mowry 11-0 for 11, 0; Thaxston 1-1 for 2, 0; Mirich 4-3 for 7, 0; Medford 3-1 for 4, 0; Thomas 2-0 for 2, 0; Schroeder 4-0 for 4, 0; Ingram 8-3 for 11, 0; Beneitti 8-5 for 13, 0; Davis 3-0 for 3, 0.

Fumbles recovered — Chytka, Gosar.

Passes intercepted — Ingram 1 for 34.

Scoring Summary

Nebraska 42, Wyoming 7

Wyoming .. 0 7 0 0 — 7
Nebraska ... 0 14 21 7 — 42

UW-NU	Play	Time Left
	FIRST QUARTER	
	No scoring	
	SECOND QUARTER	
16:7	Craig Sundberg 13 run (Livingston kick)	14:55
	Drive: 47 yards in 6 plays	
16:14	Turner 1 run (Livingston kick)	9:48
	Drive: 70 yards in 9 plays	
7:14	Lowe 9 pass from Gosnell (Donnelly kick)	0:55
	Drive: 38 yards in 6 plays	
	THIRD QUARTER	
7:21	Tom Rathman 16 run (Livingston kick)	8:46
	Drive: 57 yards in 6 plays	
7:28	Jeff Smith 2 run (Livingston kick)	4:31
	Drive: 50 yards in 7 plays	
7:35	NU 24 Turner 1 run (Livingston kick)	0:24
	Drive: 5 yards in 3 plays	
	FOURTH QUARTER	
7:42	Thurman Hoskins 5 run (Livingston kick)	1:07
	Drive: 78 yards in 10 plays	



A Look Back...

Offensive Headliner

Senior I-back Jeff Smith is the *Huskers Illustrated* Offensive Player of the Game following a performance in which he rushed for 170 yards and scored one touchdown. Smith's rushing total was the second highest in a Cornhusker opener over the last 22 years. Jarvis Redwine ran for 179 yards in a 55-9 victory over Utah in 1980.

"I knew we were going to run the ball a lot," said Smith, who carried a career-high 28 times.

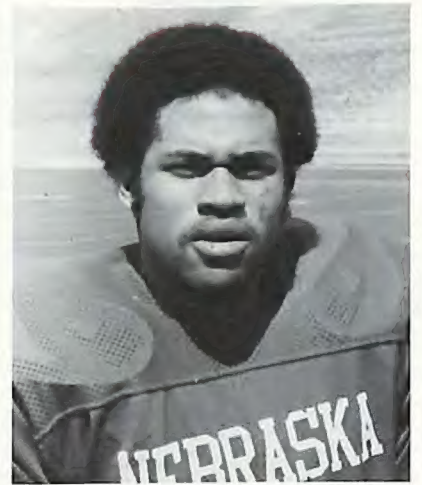
His only other 100-yard rushing effort at Nebraska came during his sophomore year, 1982, when he ran for 126 yards on seven carries against New Mexico State. Smith's highest total a year ago was 99 yards on nine carries against Miami in the Orange Bowl.

Smith showed that Nebraska Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier left the I-back job in good hands. "It felt just like when I took over for Mike in the Orange Bowl last year," Smith said.

Smith handled the pressure of replacing Rozier by doing "the basic thing I'd always done in the past, run hard," he said. "You just try to be yourself and do the things you've been doing."

That was made easier by Nebraska's offensive line. "Our offensive line did a real good job. If it hadn't been for those turnovers in the first half, we would have had an awesome game."

Smith was pressed for the honor as



Jeff Smith

the Cornhuskers' Outstanding Offensive Player against Wyoming. Fullback Tom Rathman, a junior from Grand Island, rushed for 108 yards and helped open the way for Smith with crushing blocks.

"He did a heck of a job blocking," Smith said.

Rathman was surprised at the number of times he was handed the football, on the way to the biggest rushing total by a Nebraska fullback since Andra Franklin ran for 122 yards on 20 carries against Oklahoma in 1980.

"You don't usually see a fullback here gaining that many yards. But if they want to give it to me, I'll carry it," said Rathman.

Defensive Headliner

Safety Bret Clark, a tri-captain, is the *Huskers Illustrated* Defensive Player of the Game. The senior from Nebraska City was credited with eight tackles, of which five were unassisted, setting an example for the rugged Black Shirts.

The Cornhusker Black Shirts are "back to punish people," said Clark. "I think this is the most aggressive defense we've had in a long time."

Wyoming quarterback Dave Gosnell, who dealt with that aggression all afternoon, concurred. "That No. 10 (Clark); I don't remember his name, but every time I thought about going around the end, he was there."

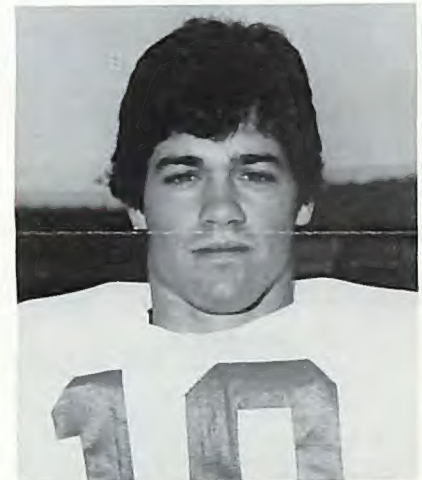
Clark, who drew several nominations from his Black Shirt teammates as an All-American, said the overall performance of Nebraska's defense should lay to rest the criticism it received late last season.

"We're back. This game should answer the questions people had about our defense. We had eight or nine guys around the ball on every play. That's what a defense ought to be."

"We're a more all-around, balanced team. We have good athletes on defense, but there's no big superstar, anywhere," Clark said.

"I think that's a plus."

Clark was being overly modest. "Bret is one of the best defensive backs



Bret Clark

we've had around here," NU defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said. "He's one of the hardest hitters I've ever seen. I'd compare him to Russell Gary, and that's not a bad comparison. Bret Clark has talent you haven't even seen yet."

Sophomore linebacker Marc Munford also received consideration as the game's outstanding defender. He was credited with six unassisted tackles in his debut as a varsity starter.

"I was a nervous wreck the first half. The older guys noticed it coming over on the bus," said Munford.

"They told me to block out the fans and just play ball. I don't think I handled things that badly, but I'll be glad when I get a couple of more games under my belt."



Scouting Around...

The Opponent....

Minnesota, Nebraska's next opponent, has a miracle worker for a coach.

But the Huskers are hoping Lou Holtz has too much to overcome Saturday when his Golden Gophers try to rebound from last year's 84-13 debacle in Minneapolis.

Holtz was head coach at Arkansas at the time and later that season, he asked Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne if he and some Razorback assistants could visit Lincoln and study Nebraska's information.

It was an open weekend and Arkansas was getting ready to play Texas at the time.

Since Holtz was both a professional acquaintance and a friend, Osborne gave him the green light.

"Normally, you don't tell a coach you're going to play the next year everything you know about your own offense," Osborne said. "I wish we hadn't done that."

Holtz, of course, replaced Joe Salem, who resigned after a 1-10 season.

Last year, the Golden Gophers' one victory was a 21-17 victory over Rice in Houston.

The 71-point loss to Nebraska followed that victory.

The Golden Gophers gave Holtz a season-opening 31-24 win over Rice in his Minnesota coaching debut last Saturday.

The victory was only the second for Minnesota in its last 20 games and both triumphs were season-openers against the Owls.

Holtz said last Sunday that he was pleased with two aspects of the win over Rice: (1) his team showed the ability to come from behind by scoring 17 points in the fourth quarter after trail-

ing, 21-14; and (2) he was able to use more than 50 players in the victory.

When Holtz accepted the Minnesota job, he said the numbers game was a top priority.

"They want to use a lot more people," Osborne acknowledged. "I noticed they had 70 players out for freshman football and that's as many as we have out."

Using more numbers gives Minnesota more balance and that was obvious against Rice.

The statistics reflect the change in philosophy. Valdez Baylor led Minnesota with 69 yards rushing on 13 attempts.

But four other Minnesota backs almost equalled his total. Donovan Small had 61 yards on 15 carries, Tony Hunter 60 on 11, Rickey Fogge 50 on 12 and David Puk 48 on 9 carries.

Foggie, a freshman quarterback, alternated with sophomore Brett Sadek.

Sadek completed 9 of 17 passes for 120 yards and one touchdown (to tight end Kevin Starks). Foggie completed 4 of 6 for 62 yards and one touchdown (to flanker Dwayne McMullen).

McMullen caught five passes for 61 yards. Split end Mel Anderson snagged three for 32, tight end Rob Pinkston two for 41, Starks two for 22 and split end Lungun Howard one for 26.

Holtz said some might not have been as impressed with Nebraska after the Huskers "only" beat Wyoming, 42-7.

But after conferring with his scout that attended the game, he called the Huskers "a typical Nebraska team...awesome. Some people might think they're down. But they had over 500 yards on offense and they're another outstanding football team."

The Training Room

Nebraska came out of the Wyoming game relatively injury-free.

Defensive end Bill Weber did not play because of the flu, but is expected back for the Minnesota game.

Defensive tackle Rob Stuckey, who injured a knee a few days before the Wyoming game, played briefly against the Cowboys anyway. Osborne ex-

pects him to be much healthier against Minnesota.

Split end Rod Yates returned to practice this week after being sidelined with a hamstring injury. Quarterback Travis Turner lacerated an elbow against Wyoming, but the injury was not serious.

The Coaches' Evaluation



With the exception of the first defensive series of the Wyoming game and the series in which the Cowboys scored a touchdown after a pass interception, Osborne was pleased with the rejuvenated Black Shirts.

"We have a little more overall speed and a little more overall aggressiveness than we had a year ago," he said. "I thought we'd be better. We have a little more athletic ability and we play with a little more intensity."

Osborne said that has been achieved, in large part, by simplifying the defense.

"We've really been striving for that this year," Osborne said. "You can worry so much about the check calls and the alignment that you take the aggressiveness away.

We've tried to simplify as much as we can and still cover all the basis. I think it's helped."

Osborne expects Minnesota to follow Wyoming's lead and come into Lincoln with more confidence. "Our lack of so-called name players is certainly an incentive to them."

Nebraska's head coach said he doesn't know how much Holtz used after studying the Huskers' offense last year.

"I don't want to make a big deal out of it, but it is kind of interesting," Osborne said.

"It's a little unusual that a coach would visit during the season. It's the first time it's ever happened to us."

"It's not a big thing. They just wanted to change a little bit. So Lou brought three or four offensive coaches with him and looked at all of our cut-up reels. They saw each play the 41 pitch, the 34 trap over and over again. We tried to tell him everything."

If Osborne had known Holtz would be an opponent the next year, he would not have extended such hospitality.

Even though the Golden Gophers lead the overall Nebraska series, 29-17-2, they have lost to the Huskers all 11 times since Bob Devaney's arrival.

A look ahead...

Nebraska vs. Minnesota

THE WAY THEY SEE IT....

Tim Moreland, WCCO Radio, Minneapolis: "To me, the result is a foregone conclusion. Nebraska will win handily. I don't think it will be by 71 points, but it will be convincing."

"Minnesota is on the right track with Lou Holtz, but they had one good recruiting year to make up for five bad ones. Its program simply isn't where Nebraska's is. Year in and year out, Nebraska's program is the best in the nation."

John Roe, Minneapolis Star-Tribune: "Doesn't 84-13 say it all?"

"(Lou) Holtz said he wants two things from this game the game ball and enough money to pay for hospital expenses."

"I saw 84-13 last year, and I realize that Nebraska lost Rozier and Gill, but there must be some reason Nebraska is ranked No. 2 and the Gophers are expected to finish last in the Big 10. I don't know if it will be 84-13, I wouldn't wish that on anybody. I don't think (Tom) Osborne will spend many sleepless nights this week."

Randy Shaver, WTCN-TV, Minneapolis: "One writer asked Lou Holtz if he was going to run up the score on Nebraska this year, and he said 'I don't plan on having that opportunity this year.'"

"Nebraska really beat them up badly last year and he (Holtz) doesn't want that to happen again. Holtz' main concern is he doesn't want to get anyone injured before the Big 10 season starts."

"Rice won't be a big enough test, and I don't think he'll pull off a lot of surprises. The new offense this year is the option, and that should be nothing new to Nebraska."

"He's not looking for any miracles...even though he wears a hat that says, 'Expect miracles.'"

Dave Webber, WOWT-TV Omaha:

"Lou Holtz is a wonderful guy and a great coach, but I don't feel Minnesota has the material, at least this season, to make a serious threat to Nebraska."

"It'll be closer than last year, but..."

Mark Krause, UPI: "Will Minnesota win? Not a chance. Will Minnesota play better than it did in last year's 84-13 Nebraska win? You bet."

"There are two reasons. One, this year's Husker team doesn't have the talent to put that many points on the board. Secondly, Minnesota didn't have Lou Holtz last year."

"Holtz is a winner always has been. And you can bet he'll bring a team to Lincoln that's much improved over last year's disastrous outfit. I say Nebraska by three touchdowns."

THE WAY WE SEE IT

Huskers Illustrated: "The Minnesota football program's Lou Holtz Era began with a 31-24 victory over Rice, giving the Golden Gophers two victories in their last 20 games. The only other win was also at the expense of Rice, which has dropped 23 of its last 24 games."

"Just the mention of Nebraska might send the Gophers into shock, after last season's 84-13 humiliation in Minneapolis. Minnesota probably regrets having gotten itself into a two-year, home-and-home contract with the Cornhuskers. Mercifully, the schools aren't scheduled to resume their rivalry until the 1989 season."

"Still, Minnesota has a proud tradition, and Holtz's coaching reputation is above reproach. Those factors should keep this year's game more respectable. But then, just about anything is more respectable than 84-13."

"In addition, Nebraska has a history of less lopsided victories at home, because Coach Osborne can turn to lower-unit players once a score gets out

of hand. On the road, he's limited to the 60 players on his travel roster."

"Last season, he had to put his starters back in the game because the reserves were weary from running up and down the field in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome."

"Osborne always maintains that a team will improve most between its first and second games. Though Minnesota has the same opportunity for improvement, that could be bad news for the Gophers. Nebraska isn't likely to wait around for a half to get rolling."

"There are no rookies, only veterans now. Minnesota will put up a good fight, spurred by the bitter memories of a year ago, but that probably won't be enough. Osborne won't try to run up the score, but he may not have a choice. Figure something in the nature of Nebraska 49, Minnesota 7."

"The Gophers' best hope is that Nebraska will be looking ahead to next week, when it travels to Pasadena, Calif., to play UCLA in the Rose Bowl."

Quotes 'N Notes

Senior offensive guard Harry Grimmer on Nebraska's ball control offense: "What a lot of people don't understand is, Coach Osborne wanted us to be a ball control offense last year. We just had the great athletes, who went out and ran away from everybody. We've always wanted to be a ball control offense, and we were today."

Nebraska's victory, coupled with top-ranked Miami's 22-14 loss to Michigan, raised the prospect of the Cornhuskers' being ranked No. 1 in the nation this week. They went into their opener second-ranked in both major wire service polls.

"If we are (No. 1) that's fine," Osborne said. "I hope the team plays up to

the ranking, but it would be kind of nice if we could hide in the shadows for awhile. I sure hope people don't think we've got it made. We're a good football team, but we've got a lot of things to prove."

A year ago, Nebraska defeated Wyoming 56-20 in Lincoln. "We bombed them in the first half and didn't play very well in the second." This season, the sequence was reversed.

"I'd rather have a strong finish," said Osborne, who used 85 players, including five quarterbacks.

Quarterback Craig Sundberg didn't attempt Nebraska's first pass, a 26-yard completion to wingback Shane Swanson, until 8:20 remained in the second quarter.



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